

REMARKS

In response to the telephone conversation concerning an election/restriction requirement, the Examiner indicated that the present application contained four groups: Claims 1-35, 37, and 38 (group 1), Claims 39-44 (group 2), Claims 45-53 (group 3), and Claims 54-62 (group 4). In addition, the Examiner identified Claims 28-36 linked to Groups 1 or 2. Pursuant to a follow-up telephone conversation with the Examiner on September 29, 2005, Applicant elected Claims 45-53 (group 3) for prosecution on the merits. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims without disclaimer or prejudice.

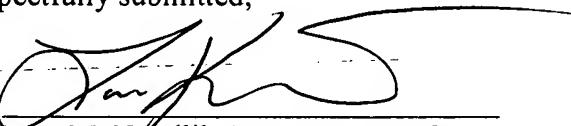
Applicant submits this Preliminary Amendment for consideration by the Examiner. Independent Claim 45 has been amended. In addition, new dependent Claim 63 has been presented for review.

Applicant respectfully submits that all claims are allowable in view of the prior art.

Acknowledgement of receipt is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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